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Softball Captures AMCC Championship and First-Ever NCAA Tournament Berth

The Behrend Lions softball team captured the 2006 AMCC Championship when they defeated defending champion Pitt-Bradford, 5-0. In the decisive game three of the series, the Behrend Lions jumped out early, scoring two in the first off strategically placed bunts and a Bradford error. A two RBI double by Lindsay Baughman (Warren/Warren) in the fifth would put Behrend up 4-0, with a final run getting tacked on in the seventh. Four-time AMCC Pitcher of the Week, Julie Koman (McKees Rocks/Montour) one-hit the Panthers on her way to the shutout victory. The win gave Behrend the automatic qualifying bid to their first ever NCAA appearance.

Behrend advanced to the Northeast Region of the NCAA Tournament. The Northeast Region Tournament was held at Ithaca College, and Behrend was seeded number seven in the region. Their spectacular season would come to an end as the blue and white would fall 9-1 to the eventual regional champion Ithaca College in their first game, and go down 5-0 to fifth seeded Union College in game two.

Behrend received numerous honors from the AMCC after winning the conference title. Koman took home both the Newcomer and Player of the Year awards, while Coach Stacy Pondo was named Coach of the Year. The All-AMCC First-Team included, Koman, junior infielder Kristin Macha (Export/Franklin), freshman outfielder Katie Whitby (Tyrone/Tyrone), and freshman second baseman Nikki Kaschauer (South Park/South Park). Macha led the AMCC in batting average (.474) and hits (54) this season. Whitby was second in the AMCC in batting average (.435), while leading the league in slugging percentage (.783), runs scored (41), and total bases (90). Kaschauer was fourth in batting average (.412) and fourth in runs scored (34).



Kaschauer also earned a spot on the NCAA Northeast Region All-Tournament Team after

going 2-for-2 at the plate with a double and a run scored against the Ithaca Bombers.

PENN STATE BEHREND WINS PRESIDENTS' CUP FOR FIFTH TIME IN SIX YEARS

The Behrend Lions captured the 2005-06 AMCC Presidents' Cup. The Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference's ten schools compete for points in twelve men's and women's sports, with points accumulated for each team's finish in its respective conference championship. Behrend's total of 90 points outpaced second-place Frostburg State by six points. Frostburg, who claimed the cup back in 2003-04, is the only other team besides

Behrend to have won it in its six year history.

Rounding out the top five were Penn State Altoona (64.5), Pitt-Greensburg (60), and Pitt-Bradford (57). Behrend's fight to retain the cup was led by three AMCC Champion teams; women's tennis, women's volleyball, and women's softball. Behrend teams were runners' up in men's golf, women's soccer and women's cross country.

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BANASZEK AND MITCHELL ADVANCE TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS



Senior Staci Banaszek (Erie/Harborcreek) competed in the long jump and junior Dan Mitchell (Bloomsburg/Bloomsburg) in the javelin throw at the 2006 NCAA Championships hosted by Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois. Each finished ninth in the nation, which became the new best-ever finishes for Behrend track and field athletes at the NCAA Championships.

Banaszek cleared 5' 5.75" at the championships and finished just off her outdoor school record of 5' 6" which she set earlier in the season. Only five athletes jumped beyond 5' 5.75" at the championships, but Banaszek missed out on a tie for sixth place due to championship tie-breakers based on number of missed jumps. Mitchell made his season-best javelin throw at the right time as his mark of 194' 6" bested his NCAA qualifying throw of 193' 6" from earlier in the outdoor season.

Baseball Competes in ECAC Tournament for Fourth Time in Five Years

For the fourth time in five years the Penn State Behrend baseball team earned a berth to the 2006 ECAC Southern Region Baseball Championships. This season's championship was held at Washington & Jefferson. Penn State Behrend (28-17-1) entered as the number-three seed and saw its season come to an end with a 4-0 loss to number 2 seed Keystone College in a semifinal match up.

In 2006 the blue and white posted the third most wins in school history with 28 and finished third at the AMCC Championships. They had several players honored with selection to the 2006 AMCC Baseball All-Conference team. The Behrend Lions saw two players named to the first team, and three players named to the second team, as well as the league's Newcomer of the Year.

Named First-Team All-AMCC were senior outfielder Shane Elzer (Washington/Trinity) and sophomore second baseman Shane Scott (Stoneboro/Lakeview). Senior pitcher Chris McCartney (Pittsburgh/Baldwin), junior



catcher Gabe Stephenson (State College/State College), and junior shortstop Mike Stetz (Johnstown/Bishop McCort) were all named Second Team All-AMCC, while freshman pitcher Dave Koerbel (Pittsburgh/Central Catholic) got his career off to a great start as he was named 2006 AMCC Baseball Co-Newcomer of the Year.

Track and Field Competes in 13 Events at the ECAC Championships

The Penn State Behrend track and field team traveled to Springfield College to compete at the 2006 ECAC outdoor track and field championships. The women finished the championships with 16 points, putting them in 19th place out of 47 competing teams. The men ended tied for 30th place out of 51 teams, with a total of six points.

The women had four representatives in six events and also a 4 x 100 meter relay team, and a 4 x 400 meter relay team. Headlining the women's field was Staci Banaszek (Erie/Harborcreek) and Lauren Kremm (Greenville/Greenville). Banaszek competed in the high, long, and triple jumps, while Kremm qualified in the 100-meter dash, the long jump, and as a part of both relay teams. Banaszek grabbed ten points for the women when she won the high jump event after clearing 5' 4.25". Banaszek finished the triple

jump event in fifth, with a leap of 35' 6", and was seventh in the long jump at 17' 0". Kremm came in at sixteenth in the long jump with a jump of 15' 9" and 23rd in the 100 meter dash, running a 13.84.

The men qualified four participants in three events, and also brought their 4 x 100 meter relay team. Jon McKinney (Summerville/Union) finished fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 44' 10.75" earning six points, while teammate Shane Rock (McKean/General McLane) went 43' 10" good for eighth place and one point. Senior runner Dennis Scheuer (McKean/General McLane) picked up the final point for the men with an eight place finish when he clocked in at 56.04 in the 400 meter hurdles.

Banaszek, McKinney, Rock, and Scheuer were all named All-ECAC, which is awarded to the top eight finishers in each event.

Behrend Announces Top Athletic Honors for 2005-2006

This year's James Frye Male Athlete of the Year is senior Shane Elzer (Washington/Trinity). Elzer has been a four-year member of the baseball program. He currently led the team in batting average at .406, hits (56), triples (4), RBIs (39), and on-base percentage at .494. He is the program's all-time leader in triples with 23 and current ranks in the top-five in all the essential career offensive statistical categories while playing almost error free baseball from the outfield. Elzer has committed only one error in the past two seasons. He has guided the program to a 107-56-2 mark during his time in uniform.

This year's Cheryl Ramsdell-Anderson Female Athlete of the Year winner is senior Staci Banaszek (Erie/Harborcreek). Banaszek holds several Behrend track and field records including the top mark in the long jump, the high jump, and the triple jump in both the indoor and outdoor seasons. She is an All-ECAC indoor and outdoor performer in all three events and competed in the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in 2006 in the high jump. Banaszek was also named Behrend's Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. Previously she was named to the Academic All-Conference squad and is a member of the National College Athletic Honor Society (NCAS).

Also awarded annually is the John Zahniser Scholar Athlete Award, which is given to the male and female student-athletes who have best combined academic and athletic achievements. Students with at least a fifth semester standing and a 3.40 cumulative GPA are eligible. This year's Male Scholar Athlete Award winner is senior J.J. Ferguson (Summerville/Clarion-Limestone).

Ferguson, an all-conference basketball player, enjoyed a career season that had him painted all over the NCAA national rankings until he went down with a season ending injury in the end of January. Ferguson shot the deep ball with 52.4% accuracy this year, a Behrend season record. He finished his four years at Behrend shooting 46.9% from three-point range, also a Behrend record, and was 82% from the line while leading Behrend to a sharp 20-8 mark.

Four other Behrend awards recognize achievements outside of athleticism and academics. The Richard Dill Outstanding Service Award, given to the person who has provided outstanding service as a lay volunteer to Behrend athletics is assistant baseball coach Duane Butch Kemling. Kemling, a former high school and college baseball coach, volunteered numerous hours to the baseball program.

This year's Herb Lauffer Leadership/Scholarship Award winner is senior J.J. Ferguson and junior Karla Murray (North East/North East). Ferguson, a member of the men's basketball team and Murray a member of the AMCC Champion women's volleyball squad, best exemplify the qualities of former Behrend coach and athletic director Herb Lauffer: to be a leader, an excellent student, and a sincere, genuine person who

strives to make everyone around them better. The Behrend Spirit Award, given to the person most dedicated to showing spirit at Penn State Behrend has been awarded to senior Chandra Giger (Valencia/Mars).



Boyea Named AMCC Men's Tennis Player of the Year

Behrend men's tennis star, Miles Boyea (St. Vincent, WI/Upper Canada) was named 2006 AMCC Player of the Year. Boyea ended the spring season at 9-10 in singles play, but tore through the AMCC, going 5-1 during the regular season on his way to capturing the championship. Boyea defeated Pitt-Greensburg's Josh Thorpe and Andy Chisholm from Frostburg State to win the first-flight singles crown at the AMCC Championships. Along with Player of the Year honors, Boyea was named First-Team All-AMCC for first-flight singles and first-flight doubles.



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Behrend Lions Summer Camps

June 2006

12-16	Boys & Girls Soccer Day Camp
12-16	Girls Basketball Day Camp
12-16	Boys & Girls Swim Day Camp
17-18	Girls Basketball Shoot-Out
19-23	Boys Basketball Day Camp
23-24	Boys Basketball Team Camp
25-29	Grandview Resident Basketball Camp
26-30	Girls Softball Day Camp

July 2006

7-9	State Champs Volleyball Team Camp
9-12	Jerry Sandusky Football Camp
12-14	State Champs Volleyball Day Camp
17-19	Boys & Girls Little Dribblers
24-28	Boys Basketball Day Camp
31-August 4	Boys Baseball Day Camp
31-August 4	Girls Basketball Day Camp

August 2006

7-11	Boys Baseball Day Camp
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